

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2005-271-C - ORDER NO. 2005-737

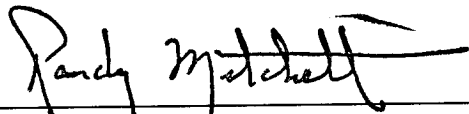
DECEMBER 16, 2005

IN RE:	Application of the Office of Regulatory Staff)	ORDER
	for a Waiver of Qualifications for the)	EXTENDING
	Lifeline/Linkup Programs for Victims of)	WAIVERS
	Hurricane Katrina Pending Action by the)	
	Federal Communications Commission.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth or the Company) for an extension of the waivers of qualifications for the Lifeline/Linkup programs for the victims of Hurricane Katrina pending action by the Federal Communications Commission from a termination date of November 30, 2005, to January 31, 2006. Because we believe that the waivers of qualifications for these programs are reasonable, given the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina, we grant the extension of the waivers until January 31, 2006, for qualifying retail customers.

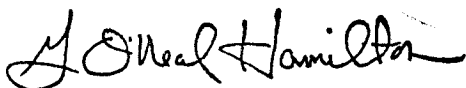
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman
(SEAL)